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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the action mailed March 22, 2006, applicant elects the invention of Group I drawn to the embodiment of species (b). The election is made with traverse.

This reply being filed concurrently with a preliminary amendment of the claims. In that amendment, Applicant amends claim 18 to depend on claim 1. Accordingly, the reasons advanced for the restriction are rendered moot.

In compliance with MPEP § 809.02(a), Applicant is including in this reply "a proper election along with a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added." Thus, the following is a listing of claims, as amended in the concurrently filed preliminary amendment, readable on the elected species (b) of Group I: 1, 8-11, and 13-17.

Applicant has understood the Examiner's identification of species (b) "memory element" as including embodiments of the invention that include a memory element. Claim 1 has been amended to include a memory element. Accordingly, claim 1, and all claims dependent thereon, are now readable on elected species (b).

Applicant has withdrawn claim 18 of Group II. In order to retain the right to rejoinder, Applicant has amended this withdrawn method claim in the concurrently filed preliminary

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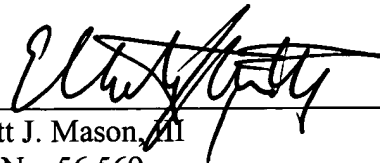
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amendment to depend from claim 1, thus requiring all the limitations of the elected invention (as directed by MPEP § 821.04).

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